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1. According to a statement by Leher, (fnu), registrar of the Communist newspaper Neue Zeit in Linz-Urfahr, and secretary of the Urfahr Peace Organization, the names of former members of the Austrian Communist Party will appear as signatures under resolutions demanding outlawing of the atomic bomb. In addition to these signatures, which will be falsified, will also appear the falsified signatures of such people as Communist Party members state are sympathetic to the Communist-sponsored resolution. Communist Party members are systematically being asked for names of sympathizers with this movement.
2. According to a statement by Hubert Fliesser, secretary of the Linz-Stadt Communist Party headquarters, members of the Democratic Women's League have collected by far the greatest number of signatures in Linz.
3. At a conference of the provincial executive board held on 19 May 1950 Communist Party Landesleiter Franz Haider read a sharp rebuke of the Central Committee exposing their shortcomings in the collection of signatures in Upper Austria. Among others, the measures mentioned in paragraph 1 above were adopted in order to step up the peace drive. According to a report of the Neue Zeit of 11 June 1950, 55,730 signatures had been collected as of that date in Upper Austria, of which number 17,000 were collected in Linz. The Central Committee, however, expects to raise this number to 200,000.

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